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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

The number of slaughter steers and heifers sold out of first hands at the 7 markets has been below a year ago each week since mid-February, and for the week in review totaled 95,629 head compared with 103,150 a year earlier. The continued modest marketings plus upturns on steer and heifer beef influenced a strong to 75¢ higher trend on slaughter steers and heifers with a large volume 25-50¢ up. Slaughter cows were generally steady to 50¢ lower. Feeder cattle and calves were steady to 50¢ higher. Barrows and gilts sold steady to 50¢ lower, sows 25-75¢ off at most terminals but steady to 25¢ lower at St. Louis and in the direct selling areas of Iowa-Southern Minnesota and Illinois. Old crop slaughter lambs were uneven, but generally steady.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Continued modest cattle marketings through mid-west terminal markets saw prices for slaughter steers and heifers advance. Muddy roads and flooding conditions due to spring thawing curtailed receipts and a substantially higher carcass steer and heifer trade in the forepart of the week influenced the upturn. Slaughter steers and heifers sold strong to 75¢ higher, the most advance on the scarce supply of high-Choice and Prime. Reflecting recent declines in the dressed cow beef trade, slaughter cows sold steady to 50¢ lower. Bulls were steady to 50¢ lower and vealers steady to $1.00 lower, except St. Paul $1.00 higher on high-Choice and Prime. The supply included an increased percentage of cows. Good to average-Choice slaughter steers and heifers predominated in the run at most terminals.

Slaughter steers: At Chicago, Prime 1175-1400# $30.75-32.00, load 1303# $32.25; high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1100-1400# $28.75-30.50; bulk Choice 900-1450# $26.25-29.00; most Good $23.50-25.75. At other midwest terminals, a few high-Choice and Prime $27.00-28.00, load Prime $29.00 at Omaha; most Choice $25.50-27.00; high-Good and low-Choice $24.75-25.50; Good $22.50-25.00.

Slaughter heifers: Most Choice $25.00-26.50, high-Choice and Prime $26.50-27.50, Good and low-Choice $21.50-25.25.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial $14.50-17.00, Canner and Cutter $12.00-15.00.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Seasonally moderate late March receipts of feeder cattle and calves at midwest terminal markets were somewhat smaller than either the previous week or a year ago. Good and Choice 550-750# yearling steers predominated with a moderate showing of 800-1000#, the latter mostly a partly fattened kind. Yearling heifers continued in limited supply and the number of calves was seasonally small. Although some areas in the midwest were plagued with extremely muddy conditions and some localities flooded as an aftermath of the very heavy winter snows, demand proved more than adequate to absorb the numbers on offer. In brisk trading prices ruled steady to 50¢ higher. Most aggressive competition centered on thin cattle under 650# which could be put out on grass but also there was considerable interest in fleshy cattle suitable for immediate drylot feeding. Slaughter cattle prices during the past two months have shown a rather slow but fairly consistent upward trend which apparently has encouraged many to take an optimistic view in regard to fat cattle prices during the next several months.

Feeder steers: Good and Choice 800-1050# $22.00-25.00, few Choice and Fancy around 800# $25.50. Scattered shipments Choice 1000-1025# were included at $23.50-24.25 while four loads Choice 890# rated $25.00. Moderate number Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 550-650# $27.50-29.00, load 553# $30.00. Bulk Good and Choice 550-750# $23.50-27.00; Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-750# chiefly $19.00-24.00.

Feeder heifers: Few loads Choice 500-550# $26.00-27.00; bulk Good and Choice 525-700# $21.50-25.50; limited number Medium and mixed Medium and Good $18.00-21.00.

Feeder calves: Choice 350-525# steers $28.00-31.50, load Choice and Fancy thin 371# $34.10. Good and mixed Good and Choice 350-550# ranged $24.00-29.00. Most Good and Choice 350-500# heifers $23.00-27.00.

HOGS - Terminal markets - Hog receipts at most terminals were fairly liberal. Flood conditions prevailing in the upper midwestern cornbelt made it necessary for the Sioux City Stockyard Company to place an embargo on livestock shipments beginning noon Wednesday and ending Friday afternoon. Around the market circuit barrow and gilt supplies were largely U. S. 1-3, 200-270#. Barrows and gilts were steady to 50¢ lower, sows 25-75¢ lower except steady to 25¢ higher at St. Louis. Sows comprised 8 percent of the 8 market supply. For the second consecutive week there was a pronounced seasonal movement of sows with a large proportion weighing above 400#.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-2, 190-240# $16.25-17.00; No. 1-3, 190-250# $15.75-16.50, and to $16.75 at Chicago and Indianapolis.

Sows: No. 1-3, 270-400# $14.00-14.75, few $15.25 in the eastern cornbelt area; No. 2-3, 400-550# $13.25-14.25.

Feeder pigs were steady. At St. Paul Choice 120-160# brought $14.50-15.00. Good and Choice 140-165# $14.50-15.00 at Sioux City.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows

and gilts was 90¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago March 22, 1962 to March 28, 1962 inclusive.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 340,000 head, compared to 343,000 the previous week and 305,000 during the corresponding week last year. Price changes were slight during the week and late sales of barrows and gilts were uneven but mainly steady; sows mostly steady to 25¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-3, 200-240# sold Friday at $15.25-15.90, most No. 1-2, 200-230# $15.75-16.00, few No. 1 $16.25.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 270-400# $13.50-14.75; No. 2-3, 400-550# $12.00-13.50.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Receipts totaled 115,400 compared with 111,900 a week earlier and 84,800 a year ago. Receipts were comprised largely of 190-230# barrows and gilts with butchers over 230# increased to about 20 percent of the supply and sows near 5 percent of run. Demand was only fair early but broad late. Late upturns failed to erase midweek declines with barrows and gilts closing 10-25¢ lower than the previous week, sows steady to 25¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday U. S. 1-3, 195-240# $15.50-16.00, mostly $15.75-16.00, some No. 1-2 200-220# $16.25-16.50.

Sows: No. 1-3, 250-400# $13.00-14.50, No. 2-3, 400-500# $12.00-13.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals numbered 79,000 head, 18 percent below the previous week and 28 percent under last year. Price trends on slaughter lambs were very uneven. Old crop slaughter lambs sold steady at several points but were weak to $1.00 lower at Kansas City, 50-75¢ lower at St. Louis and 25-50¢ off at Fort Worth while sales were steady to 25¢ higher at St. Paul and Denver and 50¢ higher at Sioux Falls. Expanded numbers of spring slaughter lamb sold strong to $1.00 higher. Slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were mainly steady.

Old crop slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime wooled 86-116# closed at $17.00-18.00, few $18.25 at Chicago; Choice 118-128# $16.00-17.00; most Good and Choice 85-115# $16.00-17.50; Good $15.00-16.50. Choice and end of Prime 89-110# shorn with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts $16.25-17.50; Choice 93-108# with No. 2-3 pelts $15.50-16.50. Good and Choice 80-110# No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts $15.50-16.50.

Spring slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 83-108# $18.50-19.50, sparingly $20.00; Good and Choice $17.50-19.00, mainly $18.00-19.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good wooled $4.00-8.25, shorn $3.00-7.50.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 71-99# wooled $15.00-16.90; Good and Choice mainly $14.00-16.50. Few shipments Good and Choice 75-85# shorn feeders No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts $13.00-14.50.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 14,800 head, 18 percent less than either last week or a year earlier. Wooled slaughter lambs closed strong, other represented slaughter classes were steady. Old crop wooled slaughter lambs predominated receipts.

Slaughter lambs: Choice and few Prime 85-110# wooled delivered to packing plants $16.50-17.50 mainly $17.00-17.50 and few high yielding 90-105# $17.75; Choice 110-120# along with Good and low Choice 85-110# $16.00-17.00. Choice and end of Prime 85-110# shorn No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts $16.50-17.00 and few consignments 90-105# lambs with fall shorn pelts $17.25-17.50; Good and Choice 85-110# $15.50-16.75.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good wooled $3.00-6.00, shorn $2.50-5.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, steers steady to weak and heifers mostly steady. Feeder cattle and calves moderately active, fully steady to 50¢ higher. Spring lambs weak to $1.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: California and Arizona, 400 Choice 950-1100# $27.50-27.75, those at $27.75 delivered; 2,800 mostly Choice 900-1200# $26.75-27.25; 4,300 Good and Choice 900-1200# $26.00-26.75; 3,000 Good and low-Choice 900-1075# $25.00-26.00; 1,300 Standard and Good, 875-1100# $23.00-25.00. Utah, 200 mostly Choice, 1050-1125# $25.00.

Slaughter heifers: California and Arizona, 1,500 mostly Choice 750-1025# $25.50-26.00; 800 Good and Choice 700-900# $24.50-25.25; 50 mostly Good, 800# $23.00-24.00.

Feeder cattle and calves: Steers, current to June 1 delivery, 100 Good 225# calves $28.00; 650 mostly Choice 525-550# $26.00; 160 Choice 440-450# $27.00-28.00; 2,000 mostly Choice, 625-800# $24.00-26.00; 1,300 Good and Choice partly fattened 625-650# $25.00-25.50; for September-December delivery, 600 Good and Choice expected 600-650# $23.00. Mixed steers and heifers, current to May delivery, 220 mostly Choice 525-600#, steers $25.50, heifers $23.50-24.00. October delivery, 125 Choice expected 425-450#, steers $27.00, heifers $24.00. Heifers, 260 Choice 650-700# $22.25 for May delivery.

Spring slaughter lambs: California, 430 Choice and Prime 96-98# $19.50 early. Current to April 20 delivery, 22,000 Choice and Prime 95-109# $18.00-19.00. Arizona, 6,600 Choice and Prime 90-100# $18.00-18.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Slaughter steers were

moderately active while heifers were slow. Slaughter steers were steady to 50¢ higher, largely steady to 25¢ higher, heifers steady to 25¢ higher. Slaughter steers 1150# and heavier and heifers 950# up found the best outlet. The relative scarcity of cattle carrying sufficient finish and weight to meet the demand for heavier carcasses prevalent in the current dressed market held the volume at a rather low level.

Slaughter steers: Sales confirmed on 3,600 head. Colorado, several loads average to high-Choice 1150-1300# $26.50-27.00; bulk Choice 1050-1300# $25.75-26.50; mixed high-Good and Choice 1050-1200# $25.00-25.50; few sales Good $23.00-24.50. Western Nebraska, several loads mostly Choice 1125-1250# $25.25-25.75.

Slaughter heifers: Sales confirmed on 2,500 head. Colorado, Choice 900-1050# $25.25-26.00 with bulk of sales $25.25-25.75, and some loads at $26.00 carrying small end of Prime; mixed high-Good and Choice $24.50-25.00.

Stockers and feeders: Demand continued broad with sales and contracts confirmed on 1,400 head at steady to 50¢ higher prices. Western Kansas and Northern Oklahoma, Choice 650-900# steers $23.50-25.75; Choice 600-725# heifers $23.25-24.75; several sales Choice 450-525# steer calves and short yearlings $26.50-28.00.

Sheep and lambs: Sales confirmed on 19,000 head. Slaughter lambs were mostly steady. Choice and Prime wooled 100-110# lambs, $17.00-17.50; mostly Choice 100-110# shorn lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts $15.50-16.50.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter cattle active, steady to strong. Sales of feeders rather limited, fully steady.

Slaughter steers: Around 700 mostly average and high-Choice, 1150-1325# to Colorado packer $25.50; 325 Choice 1000-1300# $25.15-25.60, latter price delivered; 400 high-Good and Choice 900-1150# $24.00-24.90, with 100 mostly Good 1070-1150# $23.50-24.00.

Slaughter heifers: 1,100 high-Good and Choice 650-1000# $24.00-24.50, load mostly Good 990# $22.00.

Feeder cattle: 250 Choice and Fancy steers to weigh 650-700# at delivery in October $25.00; 250 Choice mixed short yearlings, 465# heifers $26.00, 500# steers $28.00; 950 Choice and Fancy 390-450# steer calves $30.00-32.00, part of these for late April delivery; 300 Choice mixed 400# calves, heifers $28.00, steers $30.00.

Amarillo area - Slaughter cattle moderately active, steady to 25¢ higher. Feeder classes in broad demand, but trading slow at fully steady prices.

Slaughter steers: Choice 1200-1250# $25.50 to Colorado packer; Good to mostly Choice 1080-1140# $24.24-25.00; Good 900-950# $23.00.

Slaughter heifers: Choice 900-950# $24.50-24.75; Good 860-975# $22.00-23.00.

Feeder cattle: Choice and Fancy 800-840# steers $24.00-24.35, with 550-650# yearlings $26.75-27.00; Good and Choice 600-725# $23.25-24.00. Around 185 Choice 600# heifers $24.00. Current to May delivery, Good and Choice 540-650# $23.50; Good 400-450# steer calves $24.50; load Good and Choice 450# heifers $24.50.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter cattle slow, mostly steady. Feeders active steady. Small volume slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ off.

Slaughter steers: Good to mostly Choice 1000-1150# $25.50-27.00 for current to April delivery; Standard and Good 1000-1300# $21.50-23.50.

Slaughter heifers: Good and Choice 800-950# $24.50-25.00.

Feeders: Washington, Good to mostly Choice 550-650# steers $26.00-26.50; Choice 750# fleshy steers $25.00 for June delivery; Good and Choice 850-975# steers $25.00-26.00. Good to mostly Choice 600-640# heifers $24.00. Oregon, Choice steers $24.00 expected 625-650# at September delivery; Medium and Good 785# steers $22.50. Choice 525# heifers $22.00 for September. Idaho, Choice fleshy 790# steers $24.00 delivered. Good and Choice steers expected 625# $26.00, heifers 575-600# $24.00 April delivery.

Slaughter lambs: Oregon, Choice and Prime 95-105# wooled $17.50; Choice 94# with No. 3 pelts $16.25-16.50. Washington, Choice and Prime 100# with No. 1-2 pelts $16.75.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Direct cattle trade very slow. Confirmed sales limited to stock calves, these near steady, not enough of any other class moved to establish trends.

Stock calves: North Central Montana, lot of 130 average and high-Choice 500# steers $29.60. South and Western Montana, sales totaling 1,450 Good and Choice 400-500# calves, steers $26.00-28.00, heifers $24.00-26.00. Eastern Montana, few small lots totaling 200 high-Good and Choice 500-590# calves and yearlings, steers largely $27.00, few $27.25, heifers $24.50-25.00; 100 Good and Choice 252# steers $145.00 per head.

Wool: Active, fully steady. Western Montana, 19,000# mostly fine, extremely light shrinking, 55.3¢ per grease pound. Northern and central Montana, sales totaling 186,000# mixed fine and half 45-49.44¢ shrinkage ranging from moderate to light. Eastern Montana, 60,000# fine and half, very light shrink, 50.27¢; 35,000# fine and half 45-48¢ moderate to light shrink. Northern Wyoming, sales totaling 250,000# mixed fine and half, light shrinking 48-50¢ with moderately heavy shrinking 44-46¢, short fleeces and very heavy shrinking clips 40-43¢.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961
Chicago	28,761	34,690	111	178	35,080	29,277	2,828	6,800
Denver	6,740	6,706	131	144	5,095	4,429	12,992	22,840
Fort Worth	4,957	6,794	1,221	893	2,180	2,214	14,166	24,426
Indianapolis ..	7,401	6,040	444	384	30,605	24,910	1,022	1,180
Kansas City ...	18,503	23,206	579	1,049	17,749	18,742	7,657	5,422
Oklahoma City .	10,343	9,184	593	557	4,002	3,386	2,037	1,158
Omaha	34,836	38,998	421	803	45,270	43,074	9,689	13,323
St. Joseph	16,757	17,843	219	401	25,661	27,877	6,605	7,722
St. Louis NSY .	14,995	15,896	1,084	1,745	54,244	50,514	4,205	4,284
Sioux City 1/ .	16,098	30,366	393	1,181	18,019	37,200	2,428	7,276
Sioux Falls ...	7,277	8,293	36	77	15,148	14,458	5,212	7,245
So. St. Paul ..	18,351	20,348	4,954	5,223	47,508	41,729	10,297	8,871
Total	185,019	218,364	10,186	12,635	300,561	297,810	79,138	110,547
Mar.24,1962.	194,894		12,933		326,377		96,913	

		Mar. 31, 1962	Mar. 24, 1962	Apr. 1, 1961
INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -	Hogs	340,000	343,000	305,000*
	Sheep	14,800	18,100	18,100*
INTERIOR ILLINOIS -	Hogs	115,400	111,900	84,800

*Revised.

1/ Embargo Mar.28-30,1962.

SALABLE RECEIPTS OF LIVESTOCK AT 25 PUBLIC MARKETS
MONTH OF MARCH

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Chicago	118,260	159,742	421	653	142,095	139,129	18,594	21,783
Denver	29,953	36,980	1,354	2,164	21,520	19,932	66,604	89,112
Fort Worth	23,231	30,923	4,123	3,855	7,891	10,684	55,233	67,416
Indianapolis ...	27,951	26,354	1,398	1,750	139,639	147,203	3,459	5,262
Kansas City	71,919	82,911	2,988	4,314	66,247	73,620	22,185	25,938
Oklahoma City ..	55,661	40,640	3,152	2,797	17,269	17,927	8,643	9,147
Omaha	138,111	147,989	1,607	2,463	192,850	170,451	44,277	65,771
St. Joseph	65,514	68,563	2,308	2,121	87,630	98,066	30,785	32,876
St. Louis NSY ..	58,776	60,565	5,333	6,770	220,664	234,435	17,315	16,975
Sioux City	86,958	111,721	1,613	3,849	137,619	152,039	24,519	34,963
Sioux Falls	32,785	34,219	235	225	73,378	66,741	32,679	35,600
S. St. Paul	81,776	83,961	24,394	26,861	216,828	205,559	45,475	53,782
Total 12 markets ...	790,895	884,568	48,926	57,822	1,323,630	1,335,786	369,768	458,625
Baltimore	8,968	9,612	711	790	10,937	12,864	43	81
Cincinnati	13,451	11,954	2,106	2,716	58,150	53,225	1,933	2,426
Detroit	17,038	16,083	1,148	1,306	6,279	6,547	19,926	20,496
Evansville, Ind.	8,582	9,249	717	1,007	49,571	52,701	739	1,172
Houston	1/	2,008	1/	4,629	1/	72	1/	56
Lancaster, Pa...	19,094	15,807	2,717	3,035	7,250	7,700	1,616	2,710
Louisville	12,069	12,622	6,163	6,508	32,987	34,759	2,238	4,752
Nashville	4,894	6,094	2,095	2,265	15,201	18,083	700	1,384
Ogden	7,036	7,675	630	871	2,507	2,052	5,905	1,845
Peoria	7,998	7,380	416	538	79,257	77,272	4,105	3,571
Portland, Oreg..	9,170	7,803	1,311	1,170	16,333	8,905	8,703	8,538
San Antonio	13,612	17,161	7,215	5,521	3,559	3,923	1,821	6,866
Wichita	25,450	24,428	145	372	17,818	18,631	27,179	19,397
Total 25 markets ...	938,257	1,032,444	74,300	88,550	1,623,479	1,632,520	444,676	531,919

		March 1962	March 1961
INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -	Hogs	1,509,000	1,440,000*
	Sheep	88,000	86,200*
INTERIOR ILLINOIS -	Hogs	505,100	446,300

*Revised.

1/ Not available.

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Two Months	
	Mar. 29 1962	Mar. 22 1962	Mar. 30 1961	Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961	Jan. - Feb. 1962	Jan. - Feb. 1961
Steers - 1001# up	391	935	540	1,796	3,197	3,465	7,406
901-1000	1,879	2,080	1,826	7,095	7,223	15,375	17,711
801-900	3,491	3,755	3,039	10,631	12,002	25,898	29,687
701-800	2,679	3,286	4,483	9,277	11,948	24,146	31,371
501-700	11,410	12,519	14,064	24,765	33,239	58,072	83,081
Total steers 10 markets....	19,850	22,575	23,952	53,564	67,609	126,956	169,256
Av. wt. " " "	706#	715#	690#	731#	725#	729#	724#
Av. cost* " " "	24.20	$23.90	$24.19	$23.60	$23.97	$23.51	$24.32
" " " Chicago	23.40	23.49	22.95	22.89	23.12	22.64	23.38
" " " Kansas City...	24.75	24.56	24.36	23.16	23.70	22.96	24.03
" " " Omaha	25.20	24.04	24.28	23.91	24.09	23.60	24.52
" " " S. St. Paul...	21.78	20.90	20.94	21.29	22.10	21.45	22.08
" " " Sioux City....	25.17	24.77	25.98	25.22	25.58	25.02	25.96
" " " Denver	22.63	24.10	25.90	23.14	23.12	24.11	25.29
" " " Ft. Worth	23.50	23.17	22.89	23.10	23.68	23.11	23.57
" " " Oklahoma City.	23.80	22.93	23.43	24.03	23.26	23.52	23.32
" " " S. St. Joseph.	24.43	24.78	24.22	23.78	23.97	23.20	23.56
" " " St. Louis NSY.	23.61	23.35	23.02	22.78	22.77	22.68	22.96
Total calves - 10 markets..	6,799	10,003	8,397	26,053	30,233	86,069	100,325
" heifers " "	3,576	3,829	4,129	8,998	9,945	20,970	24,361
" cows " "	703	359	470	2,513	2,522	5,426	6,968

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S.St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Mar. 30, 1962	3	43	10	15	15	24	5	10	9	65	72	45	50
Mar. 23, 1962	3	43	12	19	7	20	5	8	30	65	72	47	45
Mar. 31, 1961	2	43	13	13	10	27	4	12	8	60	73	50	50
Slaughter cows													
Mar. 30, 1962	6	9	8	5	9	4	25	12	17	10	10	8	5
Mar. 23, 1962	6	8	9	6	11	7	25	10	15	5	9	11	15
Mar. 31, 1961	6	8	7	6	10	5	20	12	14	15	8	16	12

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Mar. 29 1962	Mar. 30 1961	Mar. 29 1962	Mar. 30 1961	Mar. 29 1962	Mar. 30 1961	Mar. 29 1962	Mar. 30 1961
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	1,439	3,329	6.8	12.4	1,248	1,271	30.70	27.48
Choice.....	12,805	13,044	60.4	48.6	1,171	1,203	27.28	25.75
Good.....	5,934	9,006	28.0	33.6	1,069	1,102	25.02	23.93
Standard.....	589	965	2.8	3.6	1,027	1,008	21.92	21.20
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	421	491	2.0	1.8	1,042	1,071	19.98	19.48
All grades.....	21,188	26,835			1,141	1,168	26.67	25.16
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	74	111	.4	.6	1,130	1,174	27.85	26.70
Choice.....	7,880	8,305	41.8	44.8	1,145	1,169	26.12	24.80
Good.....	9,797	8,861	52.0	47.8	1,092	1,107	24.45	23.48
Standard.....	1,006	1,140	5.3	6.1	1,116	1,092	20.77	20.06
Utility.....	85	130	.5	.7	1,002	936	19.15	18.32
All grades.....	18,842	18,547			1,115	1,133	24.96	23.88
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	19	--	.3	--	1,308	--	27.46	--
Choice.....	5,441	6,473	65.3	49.8	1,144	1,197	25.83	24.87
Good.....	2,464	5,421	29.6	41.7	1,073	1,144	24.02	23.79
Standard.....	302	1,103	3.6	8.5	1,099	1,097	20.17	20.33
Utility.....	103	--	1.2	--	1,099	--	19.19	--
All grades.....	8,329	12,997			1,122	1,167	25.04	24.07
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	16	--	.3	--	1,190	--	26.85	--
Choice.....	2,502	3,058	40.8	41.0	1,132	1,147	25.58	24.86
Good.....	3,053	3,801	49.8	50.9	1,053	1,093	24.16	23.59
Standard.....	406	577	6.6	7.7	995	1,020	21.34	19.99
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	155	31	2.5	.4	1,016	923	19.39	18.13
All grades.....	6,132	7,467			1,081	1,109	24.49	23.86
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,988	624	30.5	8.6	1,085	1,078	25.83	25.02
Good.....	3,698	4,590	56.7	63.3	1,010	1,048	24.16	23.73
Standard.....	611	1,653	9.3	22.8	968	973	21.55	21.08
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	227	384	3.5	5.3	957	875	18.76	18.61
All grades.....	6,524	7,251			1,027	1,024	24.29	23.04
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,109	2,052	34.6	24.3	1,145	1,144	26.01	24.76
Good.....	5,209	5,873	58.1	69.5	1,059	1,118	24.37	23.52
Standard.....	655	529	7.3	6.2	1,045	1,082	20.94	19.94
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	8,973	8,454			1,088	1,122	24.73	23.61
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,929	2,144	68.9	74.2	1,159	1,194	25.94	24.72
Good.....	806	657	28.8	22.7	1,072	1,156	24.39	23.48
Standard.....	63	39	2.3	1.4	1,037	1,072	20.00	19.46
Utility.....	--	48	--	1.7	--	925	--	18.42
All grades.....	2,798	2,888			1,131	1,179	25.39	24.29

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar.31 1962	Apr.1 1961	Mar.31 1962	Apr.1 1961	Mar.31 1962	Apr.1 1961	Mar.31 1962	Apr.1 1961
Boston, New York City Area	11,694	11,294	10,191	11,124	44,988	42,806	31,952	38,503
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,986	8,729	2,085	2,179	35,334	31,377	3,753	4,174
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	18,575	18,004	3,458	4,018	134,388	120,771	10,988	11,550
Chicago Area	15,015	15,376	7,966	5,128	52,469	41,429	6,081	5,942
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	25,046	27,097	18,148	19,483	112,436	105,086	14,314	19,472
St. Louis Area	10,696	11,344	1,114	1,292	85,268	78,276	4,801	4,268
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	23,646	21,821	--	--	95,169	91,244	9,978	11,494
Omaha Area	34,590	37,019	140	167	86,969	82,445	13,250	16,391
Kansas City	14,241	16,515	--	--	35,853	38,192	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	31,440	29,176	9,351	9,000	283,630	276,610	32,056	34,135
Lou'l, Evan'l.Nash'l. Mph's ...	6,013	5,551	2,292	2,660	61,829	63,694	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	10,452	9,412	2,597	3,315	30,434	34,294	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,435	20,603	882	913	47,609	44,975	11,899	9,678
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	10,158	10,471	2,880	3,700	18,923	15,548	26,556	31,315
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	26,666	24,075	51	192	17,512	13,927	43,181	46,262
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	23,137	23,654	1,768	2,042	36,196	24,032	31,518	40,611
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,418	6,965	198	230	18,155	15,198	4,329	5,042
Total	299,208	297,106	63,121	65,443	1,197,162	1,119,904	244,656	278,837
Accumulation to date	4,053,120	3,832,112	820,963	843,210	15,222,937	14,659,078	3,502,679	3,353,173

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Mar. 31, 1962	360	214.9	95	10.6	1,380	191.3	265	13.2	430.0	--
Mar. 24, 1962	365	217.9	95	10.4	1,440	204.5	275	13.8	446.6	--
Mar. 10, 1962 1/.....	394	--	112	--	1,418	--	280	--	--	40.7
Apr. 1, 1961 1/	354	214.5	98	11.2	1,295	178.3	297	14.9	418.9	42.2
Percentage change from:										
Mar. 24, 1962	-1	1	0	2	-4	-6	-4	-4	-4	--
Apr. 1, 1961	2	0	-3	-5	7	7	-11	-11	3	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed 2/	Live	Dressed	
Mar. 31, 1962	1030	597	200	112	237	139	102	50	--
Mar. 24, 1962	1030	597	195	109	238	139	102	50	--
Mar. 10, 1962	1035	595	195	109	235	138	103	50	--
Apr. 1, 1961	1047	606	203	114	236	138	104	50	13.8

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
		Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	29.08	27.38	--	--	27.98	26.92	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	30.42	27.60	--	--	28.22	26.85	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	27.42	25.98	26.00	25.38	26.42	25.42	26.15	24.75	27.25	24.50
	1100-1300	27.88	25.85	25.75	25.10	26.65	25.35	26.15	24.75	--	23.75
Good	900-1100	24.68	23.88	24.00	23.50	23.78	23.30	23.58	22.38	25.50	23.25
Standard		21.88	21.55	21.12	20.50	20.88	20.38	--	19.75	22.75	20.50
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	26.02	24.75	25.65	24.62	26.00	24.80	25.00	24.00	25.50	--
Good	600-800	--	--	23.75	22.62	23.12	22.68	--	21.75	24.25	22.12
Standard		20.42	20.25	21.12	19.75	20.00	19.88	--	19.00	--	19.25
Cows -											
Commercial		16.38	17.15	16.10	17.35	16.48	17.00	--	--	--	--
Utility		15.50	16.58	15.55	16.72	15.45	16.35	15.88	16.38	15.81	15.25
Cutter		14.75	16.02	13.98	16.18	14.40	15.55	14.62	15.12	14.00	14.25
Canner		13.25	14.65	12.65	15.18	13.20	14.62	13.62	14.00	11.88	12.75
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.											
Commercial		20.00	19.80	18.60	18.12	18.30	18.52	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.75	20.05	18.95	18.62	18.55	18.78	18.88	19.00	21.00	20.00
Calves - 250-500#											
Choice		--	--	25.10	23.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	23.45	22.00	--	--	--	--	--	25.50
Standard		--	--	20.10	19.00	--	--	--	--	--	22.00
Vealers - 150-250#											
Choice		--	30.50	30.50	29.00	27.40	27.50	--	--	33.50	31.50
Good		--	27.00	27.00	25.25	24.85	24.75	--	--	30.50	29.50
Standard		--	22.00	22.00	20.75	21.75	21.50	--	--	26.50	25.50
Feeder cattle and calves											
Steers - 500-800#											
Fancy		--	--	27.85	--	--	--	27.25	--	--	--
Choice		--	26.75	26.62	26.55	26.75	26.25	26.00	26.75	--	--
Good		--	24.50	24.75	24.10	24.25	24.00	23.00	24.38	24.50	24.25
Heifers - 500-750#											
Choice		--	--	24.00	23.50	24.50	24.25	24.75	24.75	--	--
Good		--	--	22.10	20.50*	22.75	20.75*	21.75	21.75*	--	--
Calves -											
Steer -											
Fancy 300-550#		--	--	30.85	--	30.75	--	32.75	--	--	--
Choice " "		--	--	29.28)	28.10	28.50)	29.00	29.50)	30.25	29.00)	--
Good 300-500#		--		25.75)		24.75)		27.00)		27.00)	
Heifer - 300-500#											
Fancy		--	--	27.75	--	28.25	--	31.50	--	--	--
Choice		--	--	25.00)	25.25	26.00)	26.00	28.75)	28.25	--	--
Good		--		23.25)		23.25)		26.00)		--	

*Medium and Good.

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.82	17.72	--	--	16.50	17.36	16.22	16.82	16.69	17.72	16.71	17.28	16.42	17.15	16.42	17.35
200-220	16.90	17.86	15.88	17.01	16.54	17.37	16.81	17.46	16.69	17.76	16.80	17.50	16.63	17.30	16.55	17.35
220-240	16.52	17.56	15.84	16.98	16.43	17.34	16.82	17.46	16.54	17.64	16.80	17.41	16.60	17.28	16.20	17.31
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.35	17.50	15.51	16.58	16.16	17.22	16.25	16.85	16.20	17.34	16.20	16.98	16.28	17.16	--	17.12
220-240	16.12	17.36	15.45	16.58	16.10	17.12	16.25	16.85	16.12	17.28	16.10	16.94	16.28	17.08	--	17.08
240-270	15.74	17.18	15.11	16.23	15.88	16.92	15.88	16.72	15.78	17.04	16.00	16.80	16.02	16.95	15.55	16.82
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	16.58	17.62	15.57	16.72	16.34	17.28	16.40	17.18	16.41	17.54	16.42	17.16	16.42	17.24	16.25	17.32
220-240	16.31	17.48	15.53	16.72	16.24	17.18	16.40	17.15	16.35	17.44	16.35	17.14	16.40	17.20	15.95	17.18
240-270	15.85	17.18	15.23	16.33	15.94	17.00	16.08	16.80	15.98	17.19	16.26	16.88	16.24	17.01	15.66	16.98
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	14.69	15.70	15.00	16.50	14.92	16.42	14.98	16.62	14.88	16.38	14.95	16.48	14.88	16.00
330-400	14.58	16.05	14.08	15.27	14.62	16.25	14.70	16.12	14.55	16.15	14.58	16.20	14.68	16.12	14.48	15.48
U.S.2-3 400-550	13.88	15.32	12.92	14.50	14.02	15.50	14.10	15.78	14.01	15.65	14.00	15.60	14.20	15.72	13.98	15.20

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.28	17.48	16.48	17.26	--	--	16.60	17.62	16.21	--	16.22	17.15	17.46	18.44	18.17	18.94
200-220	16.55	17.48	16.64	17.40	16.48	17.32	16.62	17.75	16.54	17.67	16.22	17.15	17.58	18.44	18.42	18.94
220-240	16.55	17.48	16.65	17.34	16.48	17.32	16.41	17.59	16.75	17.54	16.22	17.15	--	--	18.25	18.78
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	15.98	16.98	16.12	17.05	16.18	17.08	16.49	17.58	16.00	--	15.50	16.52	--	--	17.88	18.25
220-240	15.95	16.98	16.12	17.05	16.18	17.02	16.28	17.44	15.71	--	15.50	16.52	--	--	17.42	18.12
240-270	15.58	16.85	15.96	16.91	15.78	16.68	15.74	17.22	15.84	17.06	15.10	15.85	--	17.50	16.92	17.75
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	16.15	17.02	16.46	17.22	16.35	17.10	16.52	17.60	16.50	17.19	15.72	16.65	17.44	18.25	--	--
220-240	16.05	17.02	16.46	17.21	16.35	17.10	16.34	17.46	16.44	17.12	15.72	16.65	17.38	18.00	--	--
240-270	15.68	16.85	16.21	16.98	15.90	16.72	--	17.22	16.12	16.72	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	14.55	16.28	15.12	16.41	--	--	--	16.38	14.62	15.81	12.72	12.75	--	16.00	17.00	17.25
330-400	14.20	15.90	14.83	16.08	14.98	15.95	14.52	15.90	14.56	15.50	12.22	12.12	--	15.38	15.75	16.50
U.S.2-3 400-550	13.70	15.52	14.25	15.42	14.28	15.25	13.78	15.45	14.56	15.19	11.72	11.50	--	14.50	14.00	15.00
Feeder pigs - 70-120#																
Choice	--	16.75	--	16.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian-apolis	Eight mkts. com-bined
AVERAGE COST -				Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 31, 1962	16.11	16.21	16.19	16.14	16.12	16.26	15.75	16.24	16.11
	Mar. 24, 1962	16.30	16.40	16.28	16.16	15.93	16.31	15.82	16.48	16.16
	Apr. 1, 1961	17.27	17.08	17.00	16.95	16.90	16.96	16.98	17.35	17.05
Sows	Mar. 31, 1962	13.95	14.26	14.56	14.31	14.45	14.32	13.84	14.13	14.18
	Mar. 24, 1962	14.18	14.46	14.98	14.58	14.22	14.66	14.17	14.57	14.41
	Apr. 1, 1961	15.38	15.83	15.90	15.82	15.52	15.85	15.52	15.61	15.67
AVERAGE WEIGHT -				Pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 31, 1962	231	224	232	234	236	231	233	228	231
	Mar. 24, 1962	237	222	232	236	241	230	235	226	233
	Apr. 1, 1961	232	222	234	238	241	233	234	229	232
Sows	Mar. 31, 1962	449	423	418	431	419	412	417	446	428
	Mar. 24, 1962	445	422	400	436	434	411	415	454	430
	Apr. 1, 1961	454	397	426	422	427	416	422	449	424
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 31, 1962	27229	47913	15718	39114	16070	22019	37062	25699	230824
	Mar. 24, 1962	23759	44469	12338	39185	44837	13969	44275	26499	249331
	Apr. 1, 1961	22941	42950	16902	36189	32593	24048	33561	25560	234744
Sows	Mar. 31, 1962	2310	3054	1223	3897	1352	1799	3530	2875	20040
	Mar. 24, 1962	2110	2880	811	4257	3679	1178	4319	2788	22022
	Apr. 1, 1961	2264	3941	1029	4593	2895	1527	2472	2319	21040
SOWS -				Percentage of total						
	Mar. 31, 1962	8	6	7	9	8	8	9	10	8
	Mar. 24, 1962	8	6	6	10	8	8	9	10	8
	Apr. 1, 1961	9	8	6	11	8	6	7	8	8

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Mar. 31, 1962.....	$18.06	$16.58	$1.48
Mar. 24, 1962.....	18.28	16.72	1.56
Apr. 1, 1961.....	19.29	17.62	1.67

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.
2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.
3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 2/ No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Mar. 31, 1962.....	16.11	112.7	14.3
Mar. 24, 1962.....	16.30	112.0	14.6
Apr. 1, 1961.....	17.27	105.3	16.4

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef sold steady to $1.00 higher and the small volume of Prime advanced $1.00-2.00 at New York while the trend for Good and Choice at Philadelphia was steady to $1.00 lower. Cow beef closed steady to $2.50 lower, most decline at Philadelphia. Veal prices dropped $2.00-5.00, except at New York mostly steady to $1.00 lower, and calf fully $1.00 lower at that market. Lamb was steady to $2.00 lower with the decline mainly on carcasses weighing above 55#. Pork loins were steady to $3.00 lower. Boston butts sold steady to $2.00 lower, fresh skinned hams and spareribs mostly steady.

Prices were steady for kosher dressed steer beef, veal and calf, while the trend was mostly $1.00 lower for kosher lamb.

Supplies overall were normal aside from Philadelphia where volume was somewhat below normal, while lamb receipts were above normal at Washington. Clearance was a foremost problem as outlet generally held short of available supplies. Pork loins moved to freezers at New York as did Boston butts at Philadelphia. There was substantial carryover of lamb at Washington along with some beef chucks and cleanup at Baltimore was generally poor for all classes. Beef demand opened poor, but showed improvement thereafter, particularly at New York. Movement of veal and lamb was only fair with the lamb trade disappointing from a seller's standpoint. Demand was poor for pork loins while other fresh pork met a fair demand.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher for the week, veal $1.00-3.00 lower, lamb steady, pork loins 8-16# and Boston butts 4-8# mostly steady, spareribs 3# down 50¢ higher.

Veal supply was moderate while volume of beef, lamb and fresh pork was normal. Only a small part of the total beef supply graded Prime as the bulk ranged from Good to low-Choice. Carcasses 55-65# were the most plentiful in lamb receipts.

Carcass beef trade generally was slow although prices advanced somewhat on the basis of higher replacements at the week's outset. Most primal cuts were also slow except ribs which were moderately active toward the close. Recent narrow demand for veal continued into the current period, this the third consecutive week prices have declined. Carcass lamb trade ruled moderately active through most of the week, slowing somewhat at the close. Primal lamb cuts cleared evenly in a moderately active trade. Spareribs were in fair demand and best by far in the fresh pork division, pork loins and butts were slow.

PACIFIC COAST - Carcass steer and heifer beef trade was slow, mostly steady, instances $1.00 off on Standard and Good steer in San Francisco. Cow beef was slow, steady to 50¢ higher in Los Angeles, steady to $1.00 lower elsewhere with the most decline in San Francisco. Calf was fairly active, about steady. Veal was slow, steady. Lamb sold in a slow trade, steady to $1.00 lower. Spring lamb met a narrow demand, weak to $1.00 lower in California.

Fresh pork was slow, steady to $2.00 lower, the greatest decline was on loins. Cured pork slow, mostly steady, occasionally $1.00 off on smoked hams in San Francisco.

Supplies were generally normal for all classes.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Prices for steer and heifer beef advanced this week as supplies were below normal. Trading was generally slow with demand only fair. Steer beef sold mostly 50¢-$1.50 higher and heifer beef 25¢ to $1.00 higher with some Choice steer and heifer beef $2.00 up at Philadelphia. Cow beef continued on a downward trend for the third straight week and sold 50¢-$1.50 lower. Clearance was complete on all classes.

Carcass lamb prices were somewhat uneven for sharply reduced supplies and trading was rather slow. Prices were steady to $1.00 lower at eastern seaboard markets but steady to $1.00 higher at midwestern shipping points. Clearance was complete.

Trends on pork products were uneven. Supplies were about normal. Pork loins were steady to 50¢ lower except 8-12# weights steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago. Pork butts sold steady and fresh hams were steady to $3.00 lower with the most decline on weights over 14#. Pork carcasses remained steady at New York and were largely 75¢ lower at Philadelphia. Clearance was generally complete.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961	Mar. 31 1962	Apr. 1 1961
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	47.95	44.25	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.00	44.25	43.62	43.00	44.38	41.62	43.25	40.56
	700-800	44.45	42.75	43.12	41.62	43.75	40.50	42.50	39.00
Good	500-600	42.50	41.50	41.25	39.62	43.00	41.00	42.00	39.69
	600-700	42.75	41.75	41.00	39.62	42.12	39.25	41.00	38.69
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	43.38	41.50	43.50	39.50	42.75	40.25
	600-700	--	--	43.38	41.00	43.50	--	42.06	39.06
Good	500-600	--	--	40.25	38.25	42.00	--	--	39.00
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	60.50	64.00	54.50	61.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.00	55.10	50.62	53.75	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.00	48.70	46.50	48.88	55.50	52.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	38.00	38.80	37.00	38.31	41.50*	40.50*	38.00	39.12
Choice	45-55	38.00	38.80	37.00	38.31	41.50*	40.00*	38.00	39.12
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	43.50	44.40	40.75	41.18	48.00	48.00	44.00	43.62
Butts	4-8	35.50	40.00	30.50	38.00	41.00	42.50	36.50	41.00
Spareribs	3# down	40.30	41.25	38.00	38.19	44.50	46.50	40.00	42.50
Hams, smk. skd. -									
Cook before eating	12-16#	46.50	45.50	--	48.25	51.75	49.00	49.50	48.50
Fully cooked	10-14#	48.50	47.25	53.50	52.50	--	--	--	--
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		48.00	48.00	50.50	53.25	52.00	56.00	48.50	54.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	31.00	34.00	33.50	38.50	33.75	36.00	34.00	35.00
Lard, 1# carton		13.75	17.25	14.38	16.75	17.50	18.00	16.75	18.00

*Spring lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED MAR. 30, 1962

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	42.25-42.50	41.00-42.00	42.00-42.25	44.50-45.50	44.50
	700-800	42.50-43.00	41.00-42.00	42.00-42.25	44.00-45.00	44.50
	800-900	42.50-43.00	41.00-42.00	42.00-42.25	44.00-45.00	44.00-44.50
Good	500-600	38.50-40.00	36.50-39.50	--	39.00-42.50	--
	600-700	38.50-40.00	36.50-39.50	39.00-40.00	39.00-42.50	40.50-42.50
	700-800	38.50-40.00	36.50-39.50	37.00-39.00	39.00-42.50	40.00-42.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	42.00-42.50	40.50-41.00	41.50	--	44.25-44.50
	600-700	42.00-42.50	40.50-41.00	41.50	--	44.25-44.50
Good	500-600	38.00-39.00	37.25-39.75	37.75-38.25	--	--
	600-700	38.00-39.00	37.25-39.75	37.75-38.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.50-29.00	29.50-30.00	27.75-28.25	--	30.00-30.50
Canner and Cutter		28.00-29.00	--	27.75-28.25	--	29.00-30.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	35.50-36.50	33.50-34.50	35.00-36.00	37.00-38.50	37.00-38.00
	45-55	34.00-35.00	32.50-33.50	33.00-34.00	35.50-36.50	36.00-36.50
	55-65	31.50-33.00	30.50-32.50	31.50-32.50	34.00-35.00	33.00-34.00
Choice	35-45	35.50-36.50	33.50-34.50	35.00-36.00	37.00-38.50	37.00-38.00
	45-55	34.00-35.00	32.50-33.50	33.00-34.00	35.50-36.50	36.00-36.50
	55-65	31.50-33.00	30.50-32.50	31.50-32.50	34.00-35.00	33.00-34.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	38.50-39.50	--	38.25-38.75	--	40.50-41.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Supply of greasy domestic worsted wools continued small in the Boston market and sales were limited. Prices held firm. Woolen wools and noils were slow, prices nominal. Trading in the domestic primary markets was moderately active. Wool sold and was contracted readily in Montana and Wyoming. Prices were fully maintained at the sealed bid sale in Roswell, New Mexico. Occasional lots of early shorn medium wools were sold in the fleece wool States.

Japan and Russia dominated the auctions in Australia as quotations held firm. The Continent was the main operator with general competition in New Zealand. Prices were firm in South Africa as France and the United States competed. The South American markets were slow.

Fleece Wools - Original bag medium grade fleece wools sold at an estimated clean price of $1.05-1.07, delivered East. Country buyers were paying 48¢-50¢, grease basis, to the growers in the fleece wool States.

Territory Wools - Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing territory wool sold at $1.09, while staple 50/54s brought $1.07, clean basis, on a core test. Good original bag bulk fine wool sold at sealed bid in Roswell and was estimated from $1.27-1.32, clean basis, delivered. Sales in Montana included the Gallatin Pool, fine and half at 55.3¢, Kalispel Pool, 5,500 bulk fine fleeces 53.83¢; around Stanford, 3,000 fine and half, June delivery, 50¢; Dillon, 3,700 fine, 53¢; Lewiston, 1,500 fine and half 50¢; Chinook 5,000 half and fine 47.5¢; Kevin, 7,000 half and fine 46.25¢; Cascade, 2,500 half and fine, 46¢; Pendroy, 800 half and fine 46¢; Miles City - Sydney, 70,000 pounds half and fine 44.5¢-46¢, grease basis.

In the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming 5,000 half and fine fleeces were estimated at $1.12-1.15, clean basis, delivered, 3,000 fleeces of fine at 48.58¢ and 5,000 half and fine at 45¢-46¢, grease basis, f.o.b.

Texas Wools - At the Sanderson - Del Rio sales about 300,000 pounds of 12 months wools sold around $1.25, approximately 600,000 pounds of 8 months estimated from $1.05-1.08 and about 250,000 pounds of fall brought around 95¢, clean basis, delivered East.

Mohair - The mohair market was dull.

Foreign Wools - Montevideo super-skirted 56s combing wools sold for shipment around $1.20, clean basis, American yield, duty paid. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia Oil-combed		New Zealand Oil-combed	
77	$1.25	93	$.87
78	1.23	834	.84
78A	1.21	100	.83
79	1.19	107	.80
80	1.17	114	.77
422	1.13	121	.76
423	1.07	128	.75

South Africa

Oil-combed		Scoured Yields	
7	$1.13	17	$1.05
8	1.12	22	1.03
12	1.10	23	1.02
47	1.10	27	1.00
48	1.07	28	.99
52	1.06	32	.98
53	1.05	33	.96

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools

60/64s	$1.04-$1.07	58/56s	$.94-$.96
60s	.99- 1.01	56/50s	.93- .94
60/58s	.97- .99		

Carpet Wools - Turnover of carpet wools was slow. Greasy Buenos Aires carpet fleeces were quoted at 74¢-75¢, November second clip around 70¢-71¢, March wools about 68¢ and 36/40s lambs at 70¢, while greasy New Zealand carpet fleeces were priced around 73½¢-74½¢, "B" style, 2" to 4" second shear 69¢ and early shorn wool around 71¢. A pale yellow Pakistan carpet wool was offered at 67¢. All above clean wool fibers for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Foreign

Aust. 58/60s, ave. 2" white - $1.07

Noils

Good style, Aust. 64s nobles	$.88
Clear Cape 64s Schlums.	.69
Good style, Cape 64s Schlums.	.66
Good style, Dom. fleece 56s nobles	.60

Wool Tops - Interest improved in medium grade spot tops of foreign origin, while demand continued for domestic fleece 54s oil and dry-combed tops at higher prices. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C		Warp Dom. D/C
70s	$2.01	$1.83
64s	1.83	1.75
62s	1.76	1.71
60s	1.71 N	1.61
58/60s	1.63 N	1.51

Oil-combed		Territory	Fleece
58/60s	$1.61	$1.49	--
56s	--	1.47	$1.45
50/56s	1.46	1.45	1.42

(N - Nominal)

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Mar. 29, 1962 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of New York Cotton Exchange)

May wool tops - $1.625 (Bid)
July wool tops - 1.608 (Bid)
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
May wool - $1.247 (Bid)
July wool - 1.232
64s grade - 2½" average stretched length

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION 1/

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	Feb. 1962	Jan. 1962	Jan.-Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1962	Jan. 1962	Jan.-Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961
Cattle:								
Steers	870	999	1,869	788	59.3	56.1	57.6	54.9
Heifers	310	383	693	336	21.1	21.5	21.3	23.4
Cows	274	383	657	294	18.7	21.5	20.2	20.5
Bulls and stags	13	16	29	17	.9	.9	.9	1.2
Total 2/	1,467	1,781	3,248	1,435	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & Cutters 3/	129	183	313	152	8.8	10.3	9.6	10.6
Hogs:								
Sows	297	396	694	264	5.6	6.5	6.1	5.2
Barrows & gilts	4,993	5,677	10,670	4,793	94.0	93.1	93.5	94.4
Stags and boars	21	24	46	20	.4	.4	.4	.4
Total 2/	5,311	6,097	11,410	5,077	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and lambs:								
Lambs & yearlings	1,153	1,344	2,497	1,087	98.0	97.8	97.9	97.3
Sheep	24	30	54	30	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.7
Total 2/	1,177	1,374	2,551	1,117	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.
3/ Included in cattle classification.

CLASSIFICATION OF BARROW AND GILT SLAUGHTER
AS REPORTED BY COOPERATING PACKERS

Month	Hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection	Barrows and Gilts reported separately			
		Firms reporting	Head	Barrows	Gilts
	Number	Number	Number	Percent	Percent
Feb. 1962	5,312,000	24	1,115,443	51.94	48.06
Jan. 1962	6,098,000	26	992,000	52.82	47.18
Feb. 1961	5,078,000	28	1,419,000	52.39	47.61

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers		Heifers		Cows		Bulls and Stags		Canners and Cutters, all classes	
	Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1962	Feb. 1961
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States	68.5	75.8	2.1	1.7	28.7	21.7	.7	.8	7.5	8.7
S. Atlantic States	56.2	45.5	6.2	8.1	35.2	44.1	2.4	2.3	18.2	19.5
N. C. States-Eastern	55.0	53.7	14.0	13.7	29.7	31.0	1.3	1.6	14.9	15.3
N. C. States-N. Western	60.1	54.4	24.2	26.9	15.0	17.5	.7	1.2	6.7	7.2
N. C. States-S. Western	69.8	62.9	18.2	21.9	11.6	14.9	.4	.3	5.8	7.7
S. Central States	48.7	42.5	13.4	15.3	36.5	40.3	1.4	1.9	20.3	29.4
Mountain States	36.8	33.3	48.2	51.1	14.2	14.6	.8	1.0	3.3	4.5
Pacific States	71.2	71.7	14.1	15.4	13.2	11.4	1.5	1.5	2.7	4.5

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	February 1962	February 1961	January - February 1962	January - February 1961	Percentage Feb. 1962 of Feb. 1961	Percentage Feb. 1962 of 5-yr. Feb. av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle	1,467	1,435	3,248	3,067	102	107
Calves	362	385	816	812	94	84
Hogs	5,312	5,078	11,410	10,822	105	102
Sheep & lambs	1,177	1,117	2,551	2,417	105	111
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	1,048.7	1,051.2	1,048.0	1,055.7	100	101
Calves	201.8	204.1	203.1	204.8	99	99
Hogs	237.5	235.2	239.3	238.1	101	102
Sheep & lambs	102.4	105.1	101.4	103.8	97	98
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle	22.43	22.35	22.33	22.42	100	106
Calves	24.96	24.12	24.81	23.74	103	109
Hogs	16.58	17.94	16.68	17.47	92	100
Sheep & lambs	16.98	17.08	16.94	17.03	99	89
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle	57.8	57.5	57.5	57.3	--	--
Calves	56.5	56.4	56.5	56.2	--	--
Hogs 1/	76.7	76.6	76.8	76.5	--	--
Sheep & lambs	49.0	48.8	49.1	48.8	--	--
Lard per 100#	13.1	13.3	12.9	13.3	--	--
Lard per animal	31.1	31.4	30.9	31.6	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	606.1	604.4	602.9	605.3	--	--
Steers 2/	659.5	665.1	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/	558.1	564.9	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/	510.4	509.6	--	--	--	--
Calves	114.0	115.1	114.8	115.2	--	--
Hogs	182.2	180.2	183.8	182.1	--	--
Sheep & lambs	50.2	51.3	49.8	50.7	--	--
Condemnations: 3/ (number of head)						
Cattle	4,667	4,616	10,519	9,652	--	--
Calves	2,108	2,011	4,856	4,255	--	--
Hogs	9,939	9,287	20,402	19,828	--	--
Sheep & lambs	3,996	4,003	8,916	9,604	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef	886,601	864,785	1,951,947	1,850,870	103	109
Veal	41,040	44,087	93,065	93,024	93	83
Pork (carcass wt.)	966,027	913,351	2,093,362	1,967,234	106	104
Lamb & mutton	58,864	57,121	126,527	122,093	103	110
Total 4/	1,952,532	1,879,345	4,264,900	4,033,221	104	106
Pork, excl. lard	739,167	696,199	1,611,305	1,500,485	106	106
Lard production 5/	164,966	158,935	351,746	341,725	104	98
Rendered pork fat	7,176	6,480	16,009	13,620	111	100

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle.
3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION, BY WEEKS, FEB. 1962

Week ended	Cattle Number	Cattle Av. dr. wt.	Cattle Prod.	Calves Number	Calves Av. dr. wt.	Calves Prod.	Hogs Number	Hogs Av. dr. wt. 1/	Hogs Prod. 1/	Sheep and lambs Number	Sheep and lambs Av. dr. wt.	Sheep and lambs Prod.	Lard Total meat prod.	Lard Yield per 100#	Lard Prod.
1962	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	mil.lb.
Feb.10	377	606	228.6	90	114	10.3	1354	139	188.8	307	50	15.3	443.0	13.7	44.3
17	363	604	219.1	89	115	10.2	1326	140	185.0	295	50	14.9	429.2	12.9	40.5
24	354	603	213.6	89	115	10.2	1320	139	184.1	283	51	14.3	422.2	12.7	39.7
Mar. 3	373	600	223.9	90	111	10.0	1347	138	186.5	287	50	14.3	434.7	12.8	40.8

1/ Excludes lard.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 1962 1/

Month and period	Cattle: Federally inspected	Cattle: Other commercial	Cattle: Total	Cattle: Av. live weight	Calves: Federally inspected	Calves: Other commercial	Calves: Total	Calves: Av. live weight
	Thousand head			Pounds	Thousand head			Pounds
February 1962	1,467.5	427.5	1,895.0	1,023	362.1	189.4	551.5	221
February 1961	1,435.4	426.7	1,862.1	1,023	385.0	223.7	608.7	213
Jan.-Feb. 1962 2/.	3,248.3	933.4	4,181.7	1,023	815.7	401.2	1,216.9	220
Jan.-Feb. 1961 2/.	3,067.4	910.4	3,977.8	1,027	811.7	463.4	1,275.1	216
	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
February 1962	5,312.0	928.9	6,240.9	236	1,176.6	146.6	1,323.2	102
February 1961	5,077.8	946.9	6,024.7	233	1,117.5	121.6	1,239.1	105
Jan.-Feb. 1962 2/.	11,409.6	1,987.4	13,397.0	237	2,551.2	330.7	2,881.9	101
Jan.-Feb. 1961 2/.	10,822.2	1,995.1	12,817.3	236	2,417.3	275.3	2,692.6	104

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 1962 1/

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total meat 2/	Lard 3/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
February 1962 ..	1,110	68	865	66	2,109	186
February 1961 ..	1,085	73	822	63	2,043	181
Jan.-Feb. 1962 4/	2,436	150	1,881	143	4,610	397
Jan.-Feb. 1961 4/	2,319	154	1,768	135	4,376	387

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.
3/ Includes rendered pork fat. 4/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.
Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/

Grade	Beef: Feb. 1962	Beef: Feb. 1961	Veal and calf: Feb. 1962	Veal and calf: Feb. 1961	Lamb and mutton: Feb. 1962	Lamb and mutton: Feb. 1961
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime	17,864	17,148	53	54	2,585	3,558
Choice 2/.....	365,435	347,448	1,700	1,957	25,763	23,418
Good	127,815	124,080	6,803	8,443	587	511
Standard	15,144	15,083	1,129	1,212	--	--
Commercial	3,618	4,438	--	--	--	--
Utility	8,436	6,829	58	123	382	8
Cutter	6,466	780	--	--	--	--
Canner	69	222	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	2	2	--	1
Total	544,847	516,029	9,745	11,791	29,317	27,495
Bull and stag beef ..	601	650				
All other meats and lard.....	28,786	11,809				

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.
2/ Correction: Vol. 30, No. 8, page 147. Amount Choice beef graded for calendar year 1960 should have been 4,660,324 thous. pounds.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit			Mar.15 1962	Feb.15 1962	Jan.15 1962	Mar.15 1961	Average Jan. 1957 - Dec. 1959
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	16.00	16.30	16.50	17.10	17.30
All beef cattle	" "	"	21.20	20.80	20.70	20.90	20.60
Cows	" "	"	15.10	14.50	14.50	15.30	15.10
Steers and heifers	" "	"	23.70	23.50	23.40	23.10	23.10
Calves	" "	"	25.30	25.20	24.70	24.40	23.50
Sheep	" "	"	6.12	5.94	5.82	5.96	6.48
Lambs	" "	"	16.50	16.30	16.10	16.60	19.90
Wool 2/	Per lb.	"	.427	.421	.411	.404	.438
Corn	Per bu.	"	.968	.956	.951	1.01	1.10
Oats	" "	"	.652	.648	.665	.593	.622
Barley	" "	"	1.03	1.04	1.03	.847	.892
Hay, all baled	" ton	"	21.80	21.40	21.60	20.60	19.10
Cottonseed	" "	"	50.90	51.50	50.90	44.80	47.60
							Mar. av. 1951-60
Hog-corn price ratio 3/ -							
United States		Bushel	16.5	17.1	17.4	16.9	14.0
N. Central States		"	17.1	17.7	18.0	17.2	14.6
Iowa		"	17.5	18.3	18.5	18.4*	-
							1957-59
Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)							
All farm products			244	243	242	243	242
Feed grains and hay			153	152	152	150	159
Meat animals			307	305	304	309	308
Prices paid by farmers -							
Commodities & services, interest, taxes and wage rates			305	305	304	302	292

1/ Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.
2/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. Monthly average.
3/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight.
* Revised.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit			Adjusted base prices 2/	Effective parity prices based on data for 3/ Mar. 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.....	7.09	21.60	21.60	21.40
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.73	23.60	23.60	23.80
Calves	" "	"	8.58	26.20	26.20	26.30
Lambs	" "	"	7.98	24.30	24.30	25.30
Wool	Per lb.	"	4/ .241	.735	.735	.752
Corn	" bu.	"	.526	1.60	1.60	1.62
Oats	" "	"	.276	.842	.842	.843
Barley	" "	"	.413	1.26	1.26	1.25
Cottonseed	" ton	"	4/20.60	62.80	62.80	62.80

1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.
2/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1952-December 1961 average, (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 247 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.
3/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.
4/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1952-61 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

January - December 1961

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	928,497	--
Australia	221,812,767	42,750,851	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	244,364	--
Canada	29,041,606	210,939	35,864,306	61,919	5,639,740
Denmark	--	--	--	6,250	262,492
Germany	--	--	--	--	71,202
Holland	--	--	--	--	122,957
Ireland	68,514,764	12,250	137,039	--	158,905
Mexico	52,856,742	--	27,450	40,000	--
New Zealand	149,828,557	10,755,238	34,471	2,749	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	248,578	--
All others	33,101,733	226,037	3,033	300,553	131,043
Total - Year 1961	555,156,169	53,955,315	36,066,299	1,832,910	6,386,339
Year 1960	419,978,898	45,815,264	38,767,258	1,918,491	7,689,727
Refused or condemned:					
Year 1961	2,312,126	529,251	59,658	106,961	56,874
Year 1960	1,179,387	296,461	42,977	6,586	5,714

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel-laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel-laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	53,733,818	65,700	435,222	8,466,949	--	2,153,364	65,783,550
Australia	679,176	--	84,040	--	--	71,742	265,398,576
Brazil	12,928,056	--	10,098	1,493,481	--	37,800	14,713,799
Canada	97,465	2,602,765	140,298	--	91,499	3,462,901	77,213,438
Denmark	181,702	45,792,610	5,856,886	--	4,301,725	53,760	56,455,425
Germany	675	1,326,478	9,910	--	342,328	--	1,750,593
Holland	302,764	45,024,934	526,537	--	117,218	--	46,094,410
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	68,822,958
Mexico	623	--	--	--	--	--	52,924,815
New Zealand	108	--	--	--	--	--	160,621,123
Paraguay	9,533,448	--	--	--	--	54,123	9,587,571
Poland	82,656	27,032,276	6,091,506	--	--	2,646	33,209,084
Uruguay	13,753,996	54,000	--	--	--	190,305	14,246,879
All others	389,835	2,800,606	1,209,531	--	576,124	95,783	38,834,278
Total - Year 1961	91,684,322	124,699,369	14,364,028	9,960,430	5,428,894	6,122,424	905,656,499
Year 1960	77,593,919	127,013,311	10,621,946	5,404,119	3,837,578	4,046,277	742,686,788
Refused or condemned:							
Year 1961	1,163,840	743,283	186,763	7,910	40,061	10,845	5,217,572
Year 1960	123,908	395,856	259,885	20,038	18,510	32,623	2,381,945

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for year 1961 were as follows: Argentina 2,076,108, Canada 822,337, Mexico 727,700: Year 1960 - Argentina 893,766, Canada 102,961, Mexico 655,323.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) 80-110#								
Prime	Mar. 31,1962	18.12	17.38	19.10*	--	17.66	--	16.75
	Apr. 1,1961	17.80	--	18.50*	--	--	--	--
Choice	Mar. 31,1962	17.62	17.00	16.62	18.65*	16.88	17.00	16.25
	Apr. 1,1961	17.18	16.90	17.30*	17.70*	16.56	--	16.42
Good	Mar. 31,1962	16.75	16.00	15.75	17.00*	15.88	16.25	15.50
	Apr. 1,1961	16.12	15.98	16.35*	16.50*	15.78	--	15.58
EWES: (Wooled) 90-150#								
Good	Mar. 31,1962	5.25	5.75	5.00	7.00**	7.34	5.75	5.50**
Good & Ch.	Apr. 1,1961	7.25	6.62	5.20	--	6.88	--	5.75**
Utility	Mar. 31,1962	5.25	5.75	4.88	6.25**	6.52	5.00	5.25**
Cull & Util.	Apr. 1,1961	6.60	5.75	4.40	7.00**	5.50	--	4.00**
Cull	Mar. 31,1962	5.00	4.50	4.50	5.50**	5.08	4.50	3.75**
FEEDER LAMBS: (Wooled) 60-80#								
Fancy	Mar. 31,1962	--	17.00	--	--	16.70	--	--
Choice	Mar. 31,1962	--	16.50	--	15.00	16.12	--	14.75
Good & Ch.	Apr. 1,1961	--	16.38	--	13.32	16.25	--	14.50
Good	Mar. 31,1962	--	14.75	--	13.50	15.12	--	13.00

* Spring lambs.
** Shorn basis.